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## Centrix to automate campus communications

By Kym Leksich

Saint Joe students can look forward to Nov. 16, when they will be able to make local calls from the new campus phones. However, phones in dorms will not have the capability to process direct dial long-distance calls. Prefixes for local calls outside Rensselaer include: 956, Wheatfield; 394, Mount Ayr; and 261, Remington.

With the new Centrix

system, incoming calls will not have to go through the switchboard. Each present extension number will be preceded by a "6", and to call an extension from off campus, the caller will have to dial 866-(extension number). The college number will be changed to 866-6000.

Fred Plant, assistant vice president for facilities and planning, is responsible for the Saint Joseph phone system. Bro. Tony Baltes as-

sists him and will eventually assume control over the system.

The Centrix system also offers least cost dialing and routing, and the maximum volume of traffic will be increased from 10 simultaneous conversations to 8,000. Also, the campus will have access to other long distance carriers, such as MCI.

But "the real beauty" of the new system, Plant said, is that both voice and data can

be transmitted. Therefore, the phones can be hooked into a computer terminal, and data can be sent or received from any other computer on the system.

The College decided to install a new campus phone system in 1986. Plant said that the old telephone switch was "becoming obsolete" due to "age and technology".

As a result of an agreement between American Telephone and Telegraph and the

College, AT&T will install its new Centrix system on campus at the same price of a less expensive system. In return, the company will be able to observe the system in action and to advance its technology in voice and data communication for higher education. According to Plant, AT&T will invest about \$1.7 million at Saint Joe.

Installation of the new phone system will be complete in January of 1989.

## Little 500 to undergo change

By Norb Grey

The first meeting in preparation for the 1989 Little 500, held Oct. 5, brought some changes and new ideas. The committee hopes to make the track a little tougher and a little longer for the go-cart races, scheduled April 15.

A count down clock and a flag tower will be added to the race course. One possible plan is that pushcart races between some clubs might be held before the race. A car show is also in the making.

A \$50 entry fee will be required to enter the race. This

entry fee will entitle the race team to pit shirts and a printed program with half a page of team advertisement.

The race fee is due on March 31, 1989. At this time, the committee is working on corporate sponsors for the race.

Last year, a problem occurred during the race, when a director tried to operate as head of a cart. In cases of controversies, the director might judge favorably to his own car. This year a grievance committee of four people is going to make sure that no

such problems occur during the race.

This year, Halleck Student Union Board gave the Little 500 committee a \$2,400 operating budget. Signs for a Homecoming float and new fencing have been purchased already. A \$500 engine fund is set, but plans to use the money has not been determined.

Mike DeYoung and Wayne Borowski are co-directors of the Little 500 committee. Ron Clites is the technical advisor, Norb Gray is the publicity director and Maggie Flynn is the HSUB Director.

## Activities planned around Halloween

By Bill Kaye

Is St. Joseph's College a suitcase college? Are you tired of not enough activities on weekends? Well, the Student Union Board and WPUM is trying to do something about it. Stick around Halloween weekend and find out.

Four Guys Standing Around Singing will perform today (Thursday, Oct. 20) at 9 p.m. in the Auditorium. The group, featuring Scott MacEwen, Rick Vamos, Noah Budin and Darren Stephens, will make a return visit to St. Joe.

The Four Guys show features music, comedy, acting, improvisational music and comedy, songwriting, imitations of instruments, pitchpipe playing, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and original music, spontaneous wit and inspired lunacy.

Lyn Van Matre of Chicago Tribune reviewed the singers, saying, "they have a free-wheeling style that grabs an audience by its humor as well as its repertoire."

A pumpkin carving contest will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, in Halleck. Pumpkins, carving tools, and refreshments will be provided for

participants. Participants will only need any extra decorations they would like to use for their jack-o-lanterns.

The carving will be done by one or two-person teams, with a one-hour time limit for the carving.

The judging will begin at 9 p.m., and prizes will be awarded for: first place — \$35, second — \$25, third — \$15.

The pumpkins will be judged on: originality (how original is the pumpkin idea), neatness (how neat and clean is the finished product), added features (ie: mustache, ears, etc., not supplied), and creativity (how the added features are used).

On Friday, Oct. 28, there will be an SUB dance featuring the band "The Rave." The Rave is a high energy rock and roll band that plays contemporary music.

Beach beauties Sue Sesek and Paula Rear-don have fun at Clear-water Beach on Oct. 16. The Lady Pumas' volleyball team visited Tampa, Florida for a tournament.

(Photo by Irene Houlihan)





# Candidates differ greatly say students

## Democrat viewpoint

Any college student who closely examines the positions of the two Presidential candidates ought to end up supporting Michael Dukakis.

As students, one of the issues we should be particularly interested in is education.

George Bush has stated that he wants to be known as "the Education President". Let's look at the facts. In the

## Republican viewpoint

"I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Voltaire said this some 250 years ago, and it was probably the first semblance of a civil liberty. This liberty we hold dear to our hearts and allows us as Americans to have free elections like we do. In the 1988 Presidential election, if voters can look past the snide remarks and superficial arguments, they will find a very divisible line between the two candidates, George Bush and Michael Dukakis.

Probably the most important issue in this campaign, aside from whose tie is straight, is balancing the budget. George Bush would have Congress freeze government spending and attempt to limit the size of the bureaucracy and all the money it drains. Bush would advocate not raising taxes any higher than they already are. Most important is the line-

last seven years, George Bush and the Reagan Administration have cut aid to education by 16 percent. They have repeatedly tried to do away with the college work-study program, the supplemental grant program and Pell grants. These efforts would deprive thousands of needy students of financial assistance.

Michael Dukakis, on the other hand, in the last five years has paid special attention to educational needs. In Massachusetts, he has increased funding for elemen-

tary and high school programs by nearly 50 percent. Just this year, Dukakis proposed a Student Tuition and Repayment System to allow students to repay college loans through future payroll withholding.

This is a self-supporting program which would create broader access to a college education but cost the federal government nothing.

Another issue we as college students should be interested in as we graduate

and move into the workforce is our nation's budget deficit. When George Bush first ran for president in 1980, he promised a balanced budget within 100 days of taking office. After he did take office as Vice President, he promised that the Reagan administration would balance the budget by 1983.

Instead, as the Reagan administration finally comes to an end, what we find is that the Reagan-Bush team has run up more debt (\$2.3 trillion) than all previous administrations.

Mike Dukakis, on the other hand, turned the \$530 million Massachusetts state deficit he inherited from his Republican predecessor into a \$200 million surplus with four years. He has also balanced 10 state budgets in a row.

A growing federal deficit should make us as future taxpayers uneasy, because we'll be the ones who have to pay yesterday's bills while not being able to afford programs which deal with tomorrow's challenges.

— Chris Kleiser

item veto. The President needs the ability to weed out "pork barrel" additions that are costing the government money.

Americans are also faced with the problem of crime in our society, especially drug use and trafficking. George Bush is committed to continuing the programs that Ronald Reagan has started and strengthening them with the threat of stiffer penalties for major drug traffickers, including the death penalty.

Bush has also stated that he will appropriate more money to the Coast Guard and involve the military in stopping drugs from crossing the border into America.

At the same time, Michael Dukakis asserts that he will curtail crime in America and stop drug trafficking to make it a safer place to live while he allows convicted criminals, including murderers, to take weekend vacations on his furlough plan.

Strategic Defense Initiative, to a certain extent, is

very necessary to a free society in America. George Bush is committed to implementing SDI when it is practical.

Until a ban on all nuclear weapons is reached, America must be in a position to negotiate with the Soviet Union from at least an equal position, if not a stronger one. George Bush is committed to reaching peace, but he has dealt with the Soviets before and knows first hand the importance of bargaining power.

Another issue of importance in this campaign is how to deal with South Africa. While Mike Dukakis suggests we pull all businesses out of South Africa and break off ties, the reality of what would happen is often overlooked.

Should all the businesses leave, the only people hurt would be the oppressed blacks that we are trying to help. Bush believes that by maintaining strong diplomatic ties with South Africa we are not "condoning" apartheid. Rather, Bush says, we are putting ourselves in a

position to deal in a rational, diplomatic style as opposed to what has happened in the past when Americans just pulled out from Iran, Lebanon and Vietnam.

Aside from what the candidates promise to do, we must also examine what they have done in the past. Vice President Bush, while serving under Reagan, has provided America with the lowest unemployment in 14 years, a stable inflation rate of about 4.5 percent and the best U.S.-Soviet relations ever. At the same time,

Dukakis promises to balance the budget while the state of Massachusetts' spending rate over the last five years has been more than double that of the federal government and the highest average of all 50 states.

As voters, we cannot afford to ignore the fact that America is on the threshold of a new generation of dealing with the Soviet Union. We cannot afford to have a President who is "willing to learn" how to deal with Russia. We need one who already knows.

— Andrew Hahn

This week, STUFF invited two politically active students representing both major political parties to write guest editorials discussing the issues and positions taken by Presidential candidates Vice President George Bush and Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Andrew Hahn presents the Republican view. Hahn, a junior, is helping to organize a Saint Joseph's College chapter of College Republicans. In his hometown, Muncie, IN, Hahn has campaigned for senators Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle, and this August attended the Republican National Convention in Atlanta.

Chris Kleiser supports the Democrat position. Kleiser, a sophomore, is the Coordinator of College Democrats at Saint Joseph's. She has also been involved with the peace movement since her junior year in high school.

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## Single room resident feels left out

By Timothy Kelty

The Roommate Game is a Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored event held annually in the Ballroom. Funds used as prizes for this event come from the SUB treasury, which is part of fees listed as "general funds" on the student bill. I believe that since

all students pay into these funds, they all should be eligible to participate in this event.

On Thursday afternoon, the day of the game, I called the person in charge of the event to sign-up to participate. As I do not have a roommate, my friend Jason Beres was to be my "roommate" for the game. And, it was with

great anticipation that I made the call.

I was to be disappointed. I was informed by junior Dawn Hodge, who was in charge of the event, that, since I didn't have a roommate, I couldn't play! The conversation went like this:

She said, "It's called the

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# Frosh floors, big name bands discussed at senate meeting

By Barry Stradtner

If the freshmen-only floors policy continues at Saint Joseph's College in Fall 1989, Gallagher and Halas halls will probably be the site of those floors, according to an announcement at the Oct. 17 Student Senate meeting.

Student Association President Jeff Attar told the Senate that the Student Affairs office had tentatively designated Gallagher first and second and Halas first and second as possible freshmen floors for the '89-'90 school year.

The freshmen hall program was initiated this fall at the suggestion of the Enrollment Management Committee. The EMC plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the current freshmen floors — located in Merlini and Justin — before renewing or expanding the program.

Attar also informed the senators that the long-range plans of the EMC housing program is to divide all four classes by dorm.

The Senate will form a committee to investigate and approach the Enrollment Management Committee with student feelings concerning the housing situation. The

Senate will vote on committee members at the next meeting.

Student Association Executive Board members are considering bringing a "big name" band to SJC such as Survivor or Cheap Trick for Little 500 weekend. The problem facing the board is such a band would cost anywhere near \$25,000 to \$35,000. The board is searching for a corporate sponsor. Student Association Vice-President Kelley VanGilder said "We don't know if students would be willing to pay about \$5 for a ticket"; the estimated cost per ticket with corporate sponsorship.

Mark Randall informed the Senate of Campus Ministry's and his own concerns regarding the recent turbulence and unrest of sorts that Randall believes to be occurring on campus.

Randall spoke of a number of assaults, suicidal people seeking professional help and cases of excessive drinking. He also spoke of similar cases occurring at other colleges and universities in the United States.

He expressed the concern of Campus Ministry regarding these topics and put the matter before the Senate, asking

that they consider whether or not this topic would be of concern to the Student Senate and whether or not they would be interested in giving it further discussion.

After a brief inquiry by Senators, Randall proposed the matter be tabled and requested that the issue be put on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting of the Senate, Oct. 31. The proposal was granted.

In other Senate business:

- Dave Sullivan was voted Senate President for this school year.

- The junior class announced plans to organize a spring formal to be held off campus.

- A proposed \$5,500 budget for Little 500 was distributed to senators to study for approval.

The next Senate meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Halleck Center Ballroom. The meeting is open to all students. If a student wishes a topic to be discussed, he or she must arrange for one of the dorm senators to bring the topic to the floor for discussion. Discussion will then be opened to any students attending the meeting.

## Frosh CORE debate planned

Are the teenagers of the 1980s an "empty" generation who only know how to use and never to give? Is today's popular entertainment nothing more than uninspired mimicry and violent sensationalism?

Does the typical Saint Joe student seek a degree only for material rewards and future success, rather to help his fellow man? And, are Pumas "satisfied" with poor academic performance?

Professors Allen Berger and William White will play devil's advocates Sunday, Oct. 30, when they argue "Yes" to these intentionally inflammatory, only slightly tongue-in-cheek charges.

Eight members of an

Honors CORE I class will defend their generation against the claims during an 8 p.m. debate in Gasper Center, Chapel West Oratory. The public is invited to catch the verbal fireworks.

Freshman debaters will include Mary Pinder, Carol Moon, Brian Studebaker, Andy Balas, Mark Gurtner, Jennifer Herman, Sarah Mutusiak and Sheila McKeown.

Sr. Donna Liette is their CORE I instructor. She has challenged her students to create projects, such as the debate, to bring the lessons of CORE I into the public eye and demonstrate the students' understanding of those lessons.

Three other class projects

— an original song regarding CORE I themes, a mural and a newsletter — will be presented the night of the debate. Kelly Sigo and Coleen Williams have composed the music and written lyrics for the song. David Moorman, Joe Stites, B.J. Sell and Jo Renners are the mural artist. Newsletter editors include Colleen Boyle, Jennifer Huebner and Kris McLeish.

An earlier project, a radio program responding to CORE I lectures, is the creation of Nikki Richardson.

Sr. Donna expressed the class' appreciation to Brian Simmons, general manager/faculty advisor of WPUM, who has helped arrange the debate.

## News Briefs

### Community Days return

This weekend Halleck Center Ballroom will be transformed into a mini-mall. Saint Joseph's College will on Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. hold its annual College Community Days. At the time of this writing 43 businesses are signed up to participate in the event. The businesses will set up booths, have "on sale" items, award prizes and giveaways.

This year's event, as opposed to last year's was organized far enough in advance so as to enable participants to specifically buy products geared toward college students. The event is sponsored by Bill Maniscalco, vice president of Student Affairs, Maggie Flynn, director of student activities, and Joe Canaday, chairman of the Rensselaer Merchant Association.

The Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce will have a booth selling "the Game of Rensselaer", and signing people up to take part in a game tournament to be held at the College on Nov. 4.

### Senior proofs arrive

Senior who had their photographs taken Sept. 19-23 on campus can pick up photo proofs Friday, Oct. 21, and Monday, Oct. 24, outside the cafeteria.

Photographer Randy Bayly will distribute the proofs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. Bayly will provide price information for photo orders and explain when proofs must be returned. No money will be exchanged at this time.

Seniors should choose one pose from the proofs for inclusion in Phase '89. There is no charge for the yearbook photo, and seniors do not have to order any further photos in order for their pictures to appear in the yearbook. Any retakes must be completed at Bayly's Rensselaer studio by Dec. 15 to meet the Phase deadline.

### Debate postponed

A debate between Fifth District Congressmen Jim Jontz and his election challenger Pat Williams at SJC has been rescheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27.

Originally planned for Oct. 18, the debate was postponed because Congress was still in session, more than a week after it was supposed to adjourn.

The debate, sponsored by the Social Science Club, will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

### Volunteers needed

A Rensselaer instructor for mentally handicapped students is seeking volunteers who'll help her class in a water exercise program.

The severe profound mentally handicapped special education class at Rensselaer Middle School will hold its exercise sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays afternoons from Oct. 31-Dec. 1 at Rensselaer High School pool.

Instructor Susan Harrison said volunteers would work from 1 to 2:45 p.m., to help the six students "get their coats off at the pool, get them into the water, help them with head control and move them through the water." Volunteers must wear bathing suits, although all activity will be in shallow water, according to Harrison.

Volunteers must also provide their own transportation to the middle school. For further information, contact Harrison at 866-4661 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and, after 3 p.m., at 866-8307.



# At SJC, the freaks come out at night . . .

By Andrea Dennis

Mysteries of unexplainable happenings have intrigued people throughout many centuries, and Halloween serves as the day when all the legends of times past come to life.

Evil ghosts and madmen like Jason and Freddie seem to be lurking in every dark corner. Harmless black cats and scarecrows become terrifying creatures of the night. Werewolves, mummies and vampires stalk the towns in search of innocent victims.

Every community, big or small,

has its own Halloween folklore which intrigues the minds of its people. Even SJC has a few of its own ghostly tales. Though not as eccentric as the old fabled monsters, our spectres still provide some thrill of excitement.

By far, the campus' most talked about mystery is the tale of Moody's Light. So the story goes, old man Moody, a Rensselaer farmer, was out taking care of his crops one autumn day. As dusk drew near, he returned home to find that his entire family had been slaughtered, supposedly by people driving in a sedan. Some

people say the car was black, and others, white. But nobody knows for sure.

If one drives out to a certain country road past the midnight hour and flashes his headlights three times, Mr. Moody's lantern can supposedly be seen moving toward the car in a vengeful search for the suspects.

Another favorite tale is that of the Aquinas exorcism. It is said that an American Indian student who lived on Aquinas third floor was possessed by the devil. After a priest drove the demon from the boy's body, the room

was boarded up with all the evil spirits trapped inside.

Beside these novelties, SJC also has its share of ghostly spirits. One spirit is that of a theatre director who hung himself on the curtain ropes of the auditorium. He has been known to rearrange things and make noises on the catwalk.

On dark foggy nights, two other campus ghosts are said to be on the loose. Both of these spirits belong to priests. One was hit by a car while walking his dog near the reflecting pond, and the other had a heart attack while praying in the Grotto.

## Moody's ghost mystifies SJC students

By Andrea Dennis

Everyone visiting Moody's Light has their own unique version of what happened while they were there.

Junior Ginny Miller and friends had an unusual experience when, after they flashed the car's headlights, the vehicle lost all power. In complete darkness, they were forced to get out of the car and push it down the eerie road to a safe farmhouse where they called for help.

Moody's Light newcomer, sophomore Stacey Betten, had a fright filled midnight-run to the legendary spot. "On the way, the guy that was driving pulled up to the familiar white church, looked in the window and let out a shriek that made me duck underneath the seat. He then proceeded along the road and staged a power failure by turning off the engine."

When the group arrived at the tree stump, where visitors blink their headlights calling Moody, a light was clearly visible beyond the hill, according to Betten. It suddenly disappeared. "We decided that the whole story was a joke. As the driver was turning the car around, everyone else's eyes were still looking back for the light. Without warning, the car jerked sharply around and the driver was hysterical. He claims that he saw the silhouette of a man, who faced him with fire-red eyes, and dashed into the nearby field.

"We figured he was just trying to spook us again, so we didn't believe him until he had to pull over and let someone else drive because he was shaking so badly. After that, we weren't sure whether he was lying or not," explained Betten.

Senior Kris Rowden admits that he got scared in his Moody adventure. "We drove out there in two separate cars. When we arrived at Moody's, the second car pulled behind the first, and everyone gathered around the first car. We flashed our brights three times, waited about a minute, and then a flame colored light appeared.

"At first, we weren't sure if the light was moving, but, after watching it more closely, we decided that it was coming towards us. It continued to get closer and closer until it dove off to the side and vanished. We drove ahead and searched for the origin of the light. We came upon a silo, got out of the car to look inside, and saw an unidentifiable dark lump. We got scared and left," said Rowden.

Sophomore Tracy "Turbo" Phillips really thought she saw old man Moody on her escapade. "My friends and I saw the famous light, but when we tried to turn the car around, our reverse gear was broke! We decided to go straight down the road so we could find a place to turn around, when suddenly out of nowhere, a dark object whizzed by us leaving dust and gravel everywhere. We were terrified."

They turned the car around and started back to school. "As we approached the tree stump, three guys dashed in front of our car. Everyone screamed.

"Then I recognized the guys as my three best buddies from Gallagher. They drove out there to scare me and my friends," explained Phillips.

**Illustrator Robert Briggs of Rensselaer transferred to Saint Joe this fall from the Columbus College of Art and Design.**



by Robert Briggs



# Campus ministry members installed, become involved

By Heather Davis

The 1988-89 school year promises a lot of activity within Campus Ministry. Plans include an installation of eucharistic ministers, a World Food Awareness Week, a Kairos V Retreat and an Alternate Retreat.

Oct. 9 was the date of the installation of eucharistic ministers and other Campus Ministry members. Sr. Donna Liette, a faculty advisor to Campus Ministry, said that more than 100 students involved in Campus Ministry were commissioned, blessed, and "sent forth to bring the Christian message to the campus."

"This will be done by enriching the liturgies, working for peace and justice and being involved in the Human Understanding Group." Sr. Donna said the main purpose of Campus Ministry is to "make God's presence more alive on campus."

Oct. 16-22 has been designated as World Food Awareness Week. Two main projects have been organized for the week. For the first project, boxes will be put out in each dorm, and students will be asked to contribute canned and boxed food stuffs. The food will go to feed the poor and hungry in Rensselaer and Indianapolis.

For the second part, which occurred on Oct. 18, almost 400 students donated the use of their cafeteria numbers. For each number, Campus Ministry received \$2 from the College food service. This money will also go to the needy in Indiana.

In place of a cafeteria supper, the donors ate a simple dinner of tomato soup and crackers in the snack bar. After this meal, prayer

will be held, and a simulation game will be played. Sr. Donna said these activities would "help to provide a deeper awareness of hunger in the world."

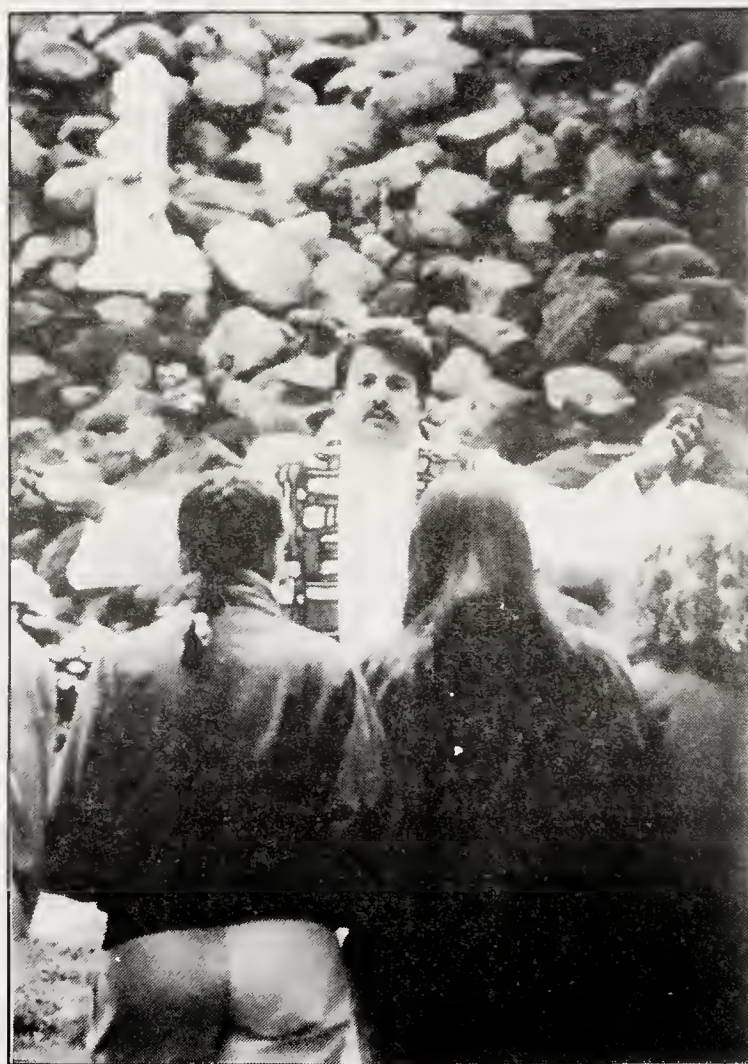
The Kairos V Retreat will occur Nov. 3-6. The alternate name for the retreat is the "Great Awakening". Senior Doug Daulton came up with the idea of the Kairos I-V Retreats.

The retreat, which will be held in Whiting, IN, is meant to build community and to strengthen Christian commitment. "Students pray, laugh, and cry together," said Sr. Donna. Participants will give talks on topics such as: "Who

Am I?", "Friendship with God", "Having Ideals", and "Putting Love Into Action".

All students are invited to attend. The trip will be led by six adult and six student leaders. Thirty spaces are open for students to participate.

For the person who is not interested in such an intense experience as Kairos V, an alternate retreat will be held the weekend of Oct. 22-23. The theme of the retreat is "Reaching Out and Dealing With Relationships". The weekend will be headed by Fr. Denny Kinderman, assistant to Chaplain Fr. Tim McFarland.



Father Tim McFarland celebrates the Eucharist during a mass held in the grotto. (Photo by John Sykes)

## Roommate

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roommate game. So, how can you expect to play without a roommate?"

I said, "Well, change the name!"

She said, "In the past the person you played with didn't

have to be your roommate, but, this year, we decided they do."

I said, "That's ridiculous. Why???"

"Because that's the way it is!" she replied.

I said, "Well, you shouldn't play a game if it's not fair, or you're using other people's

money"

"But, it's tradition," she said.

"Not if, before, you let anyone play," I replied.

She said "Listen, I've got to go. Bye." Click ....BuZZZZZZZZZZ.

Do you think this is right? I do not!

## Getting to the **CORE** of it

### Nectar in a Sieve

By Kamala Markandaya

CORE VII reading

Review by Brendan Foley

I'd sooner recommend reading mattress tags than Nectar in a Sieve. Unless you are the type of person who crashes wakes for entertainment, this isn't a book that you are likely to enjoy. While informative and even somewhat intriguing on a socio-cultural level, Nectar in a Sieve is a thoroughly depressing book.

The novel traces the life of Rukmani, the daughter of a village headman, from the time of her marriage through the twilight years of her life. The book portrays a typical Indian family from a typical Indian village. It shows the difficulty experienced by the family in trying to adapt to change in their community and, in a more general sense, to the modernization of India.

With every turn of the page, it seems like a new tragedy befalls the family. The male sons who were so difficult for Rukmani to bear fail to follow in their father's footsteps as farmers, and go to work in a tannery built in the town during their childhood.

The tannery represents change and industrialization, and these young men are part of a new working class. But, to Rukmani and her husband, Nathan, it is a thief that takes their sons away from where they belong.

Terrible drought as well

as flooding drive the family near starvation. Their daughter is returned by her husband, because she can't bear children. She becomes a prostitute in order to help feed the family. As if the starvation wasn't bad enough, public humiliation is added when, through her prostitution, the daughter Ira gives birth to an albino.

Then when it seems as if things could not get any worse, the family is kicked off the land they have been renting and have no place to go. Of course this is not quite as bad as it sounds, because the only son they have that has not died or gone to live in the city decides to become an assistant at a hospital that is being built, so there would not have been any one to reap the rewards of the land any way.

We even discover that Kunthi, a neighbor of the family, knows Nathan in the biblical sense and has even conceived a child by him.

The entire story line is like a tragic soap opera. The book has redeeming qualities as well. It is fairly easy to read, and it gives the reader a sense of what life is like in a third world country, and how very different the Indian culture is compared to ours. The most basic example of this can be symbolized by a phrase used frequently in Nectar in a Sieve, "swept clean and washed with wet dung."

To anyone I have ever met, this phrase contains a major contradiction in terms.

## ...And other books

### Story of My Life

By Jay McInerney

Review by Chris Helton

Jay (Bright Lights, Big City) McInerney has written a new book, Story of My Life. I would not cross the street for the amoral, unsympathetic characters which McInerney has brought to life in this book.

Starting with the main character, Alison Poole, Story of My Life loses something. (Actually, this book never gains more than a wonderment about why these characters, supposedly based on actual people, put themselves

through everything that happens in the course of this book.) Alison is the typical '80s novelist's character, a sickening trend which McInerney helped bring about. This girl is one of the New York idle rich, whose most pressing concern is what to wear while club hopping through New York's seedy underside.

Dean Chasen, another character, describes Alison as a "Post modern girl," as if this makes her actions alright.

Story of My Life begins

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# Offense dominates gridiron; defense in question

By Norb Gray

50-43 — What an offensive battle! The Pumas lost to Saginaw Valley State 50-43 in the highest scoring game in SJC history on Oct. 8. A whopping 1,055 yards of offense between the Pumas and the Cardinals lead to this high score and set another record.

To top that off, the Pumas broke those records again in losing to Franklin 62-46 on Oct. 15.

Quarterback Damon Randolph, named Heartland Conference Co-Player of the Week, threw for two touchdowns and 348 yards (34-20-2) in the first game. Unfortunately for the Pumas, Saginaw Valley ran the ball for 431 yards. The two running backs from Saginaw

Valley combined rushing for 359 yards. Mitchell had 234 yards and R. Cook rushed for 125 yards. The two leading receivers for SJC were Jeff Fairchild (7-121) and Lewis (4-112-1).

Early in the first quarter Bob Budzielek put the Pumas out in front on a 27-yard field goal. The Cardinals countered with a 67-yard touchdown pass. Then with a 1:19 left in the quarter, Saginaw used a mixture of run and pass plays to score another touchdown.

SJC and Saginaw Valley exchanged touchdowns throughout the whole period to leave the score in favor of the Pumas 25-21. A play thought to give the Puma defense spark happened when they stopped SV on a

fake field goal attempt to score a touchdown as the clock expired. This play seemed to be no inspiration for the Pumas.

In the third quarter, the running game became more prominent. The first score of the third quarter occurred when the Cardinals drove down field on numerous quarterback option plays. Saginaw Valley took advantage of an SJC fumble and scored again on a 18-yard run. SJC used the success of the quarterback option to drive down field and score a 22-yard field goal.

After a strong defensive hold early in the fourth quarter by SJC, a Cardinal defender intercepted a Randolph pass in the endzone. The defense again caused a

fumble, and this time Saint Joe capitalized on it. Allen scored on a one-yard touchdown run. Saginaw Valley went back to the quarterback option and scored on a 34-yard touchdown run with the point-after no good.

With Saginaw Valley winning 42-36, a SJC drive ended on a Randolph interception. The Cardinals used the turnover to pull out to a 50-36 lead with 4:30 remaining in the game. The resilient Pumas fought back and scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Gibbs with under a minute left. The following onside kickoff did not work as Saginaw Valley fell on the ball.

Freshman linebacker Matt Brace said the defense is starting to improve. "We are starting to come around

slowly, and we are starting to play better", said Brace.

When asked about the possibility of having a winless season Coach Bill Reagan said the team is not worried about that yet and is only taking one game at a time.

The Pumas lost again to drop their record to 0-6 as two records were broken in a game with Franklin on Oct. 15. The score, 62-46, set the record for most points scored in a game involving SJC. The second record is for total combined offensive yard in a game. Both records were set in the previous game against Saginaw Valley State.

The Pumas will be looking for their first victory as they host Kentucky State University on Saturday, Oct. 22.

## Puma kickers on four win rampage

By Brendan Foley

With four wins and a tie since Thursday, Oct. 6, the men's soccer team raised its record to 10-5-1 overall, and 3-3-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference closing out the conference regular season.

The Pumas took to the road to face conference opponent University of Indianapolis and emerged with a 5-2 overtime victory. The team continued its winning ways on Oct. 8, by defeating St. Francis (IL) 4-0 behind three

assists by senior co-captain Kevin O'Shaughnessy. The team's 2-1 victory over Rose Hulman gave the Pumas a three-game winning streak going into their final two conference games on Oct. 15 and 16.

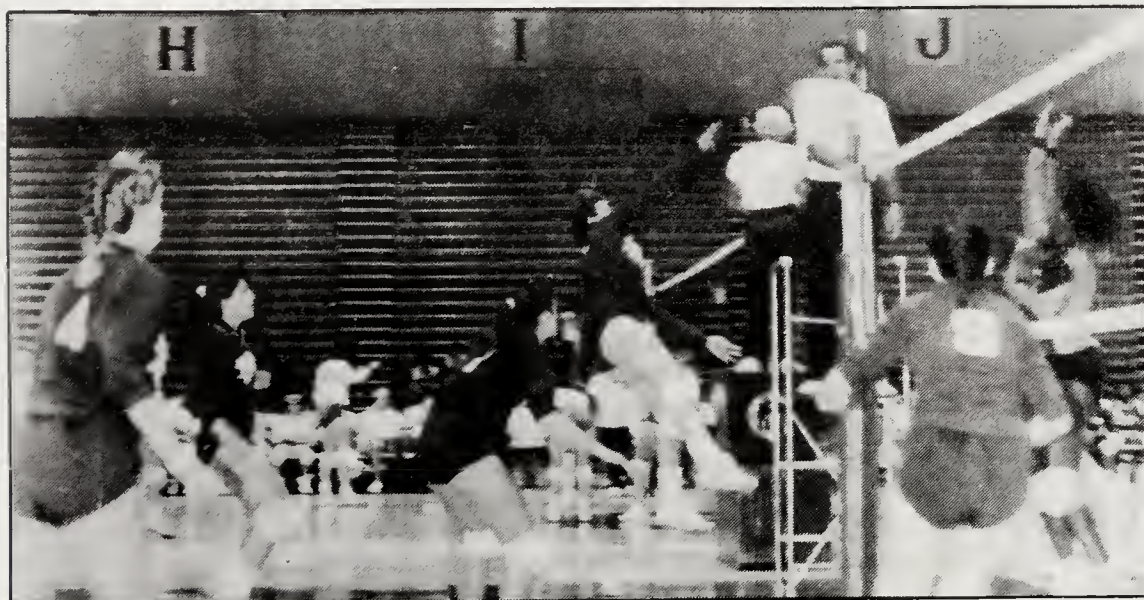
The first game, against Bellarmine (KY), proved to be a defensive battle. Neither team was able to score until only 12 minutes remained in the game, when SJC sophomore Hank Ahrens tallied the game's only goal. The victory gave the Pumas a 3-3 GLVC record and a chance to finish

with a winning season.

The following day the Pumas hosted Northern Kentucky in its final conference game. Saint Joe burst out to a 1-0 lead within the first minute, but Northern Kentucky retaliated immediately to tie the score. The Pumas came back strong, taking a 2-1 lead on Hank Ahrens' third goal in as many games. The lead stood until only 15 minutes remained and when regulation time ended, the score was tied at two apiece. It stood after the 20-minute overtime period-



Kevin O'Shaughnessy kicks the ball into play against Bellarmine College (photo by Chris Helton)



Volleyball team fights for point at Florida tournament Oct. 15 (photo by Irene Heculhan)

## Spikers 3rd in Florida

By Mike Monahan

On Oct. 7, the Puma volleyball team suffered a loss to Indianapolis 13-15, 9-15, and 11-15. SJC split two games at home on Oct. 8, when it edged Bellarmine in five games 14-16, 15-2, 3-15, 16-14, and 16-14. Northern Kentucky downed the Pumas in three straight games 2-15, 7-15, and 10-15. A powerful Lewis team ripped St. Joe 6-15, 4-15, and 9-15 on Oct. 11.

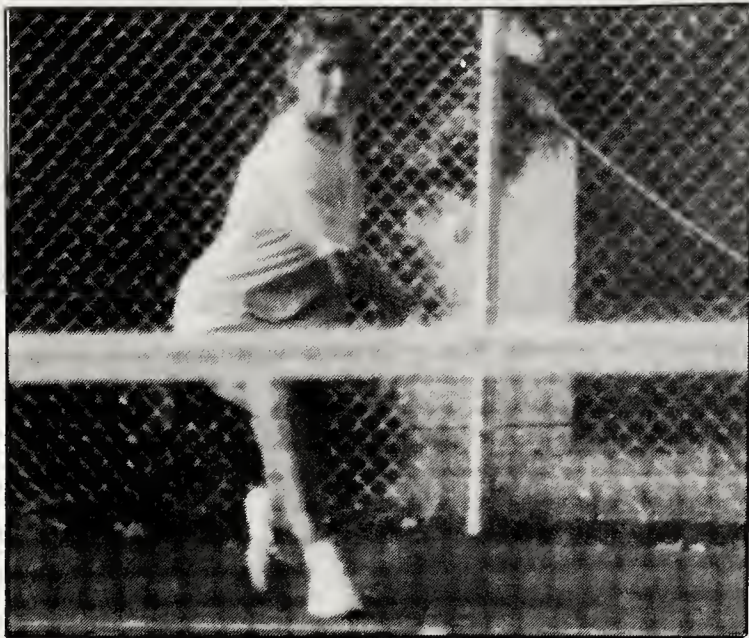
Over mid-term break, the volleyball team traveled to the University of Tampa in Florida, where SJC captured third

place in the tournament. North Carolina-Greensboro was the first victim as the Pumas won 15-10, 15-9, 12-15, and 15-11. SJC then knocked off Bellarmine 15-12, 15-6, and 15-9. The host, Tampa, triumphed over SJC 9-15, 15-17, and 1-15. SJC then won its third game in the five-day tournament by smashing Florida Atlantic 15-7, 10-15, 16-14, and 15-6.

Southeast Missouri came from two games down to squeeze by the Pumas 15-6, 16-14, 4-15, 5-15, and 6-15.



# Women's tennis team finishes with 6-5 record



Sophomore Chris Cowan shows her backhand with concentration (Photo by Tom Sullivan)

By Mike Monahan

The Pumas annihilated Lewis 8-0 on Oct. 7, and then fell to Indianapolis later in the week 7-2. At Valparaiso, SJC dropped a match to Valpo 6-3.

At Northern Kentucky this past weekend, SJC finished fourth out of nine in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. Indianapolis won the tournament, Kentucky Wesleyan finished second and Bellarmine captured third place. The Pumas finished with an overall record of 6-5.

Members of the womens tennis team all receive a plaque honoring them for

their sportsmanship. "This was the highlight of the season -- every girl was very deserving of the award," said head coach John Barrientos. The Sportsmanship Award is sponsored by McDonalds. Barrientos added that he is very elated over the award and that other coaches always complemented the team on their sportsmanship.

"The team very definitely improved throughout the season. With a very tough schedule I felt the team did very well and we should be even better next year because of the schedule," said Barrientos. "Playing such a difficult schedule helped us finish

fourth in the GLVC," commented Barrientos.

The team only loses one player, however it is a major loss because according to Barrientos: Katie Desantis did a heck of a job all four years and it will be difficult to replace her.

Returning players and recipients of the Sportsmanship Award are Sharon Gryczewski, Chris Cowan, Lisa Carroll, Jenny Ward, Laura Cervenka, and Janis Reginer. Desantis also received the award. Bridget-Malone did not play this year, but will play next year along with the new recruits.

## Intramural sports characterize dorm unity

By Timothy Kelty

Although there is no Greek system at Saint Joseph's College, the unity that characterizes the Tri-Delts and Lambda-Chis of most larger colleges and universities can be found in the much of the dorm system here at Saint Joe.

Most residents identify strongly with their dorm or particular floor. Many unorganized dorm actions are almost habitual and have become traditions of that dorm.

Porch sitting is a common practice. The guys in Gallagher sit on their porch after lunch and dinner, relaxing and watching the scenery, before heading to class or to study. For the men of Merlini, porch sitting occurs between classes. They meet on the railroad ties out front on their way to or from class for a few minutes to get the latest gossip and admire the Lady Pumas as they walk by.

Sports also act as a unifier. Many afternoons, the men of Bennett can be found hitting a golf ball around the field next to the dorm. Often in the evenings, there is a frisbee tossed around out in front of Merlini, or a pickup game of basketball outside of Noll.

The women of Halas Second have probably the most unique athletic competition

Junior Judy Devers said, "After it rains and it's muddy, we go mudsliding on our bellies on the intramural field."

Intramurals especially pull the dorms together. This fall, as usual, the East Seifert Rats, Gallagher Gators, Merlini Thrashers and others have been battling it out on the gridiron. The women have been involved as well. The ladies from Halas Second, as well as Justin Third West, First East, Second West and Third East have sported teams.

Mealtime in the cafeteria also provides a view of dorm unity. Most students habitually sit with residents of their own floor or dorm and eat at certain times.

Many residents show their dorm pride by buying clothes with their dorm logos printed on them. Senior Doug Daulton of Merlini Second said, "About 90 percent of the guys in the dorm bought shirts or jerseys this year." According to Junior Kent Selvey, another member of Merlini, "There is a dorm crest that Thrashers also get printed on T-shirts and sweatshirts."

John Klingenberg of Bennett Hall summed up the common feeling when he said of his dorm, "Everyone has a question or problem, there is almost always someone in the dorm that will listen and help if they can."

## Conference Football Standings

### Overall

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Butler	6	1	0	.857
Franklin	5	1	0	.833
Ashland	5	1	0	.833
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667
Valparaiso	0	5	1	.083
SJC	0	6	0	.000

### Heartland Collegiate Conference

W	L	T
2	0	0
2	0	0
1	0	0
1	1	0
0	3	0
0	2	0

## Pom pon squad picks new members

By Kym Leksich

Tryouts were held for the 1988-89 Puma Pom Pon squad Sept. 14. The following women were added to the team: Carmen Budreau, freshman; Kym Leksich, freshman; Elizabeth Nkuo, sophomore; Martha Willy, freshman; Kim Zgonina,

sophomore; Sherry Rowland, senior. The squad now has 15 members.

Judging were Bill Reagan, head football coach, Brian Rock, assistant football coach, Bill Hogan, athletic director, Elizabeth Reagan, pom pon sponsor, and Monique Saliga, pom pon captain.

"Tryouts went really well; we were impressed with all the girls," said Kara Borgetti, co-captain of the pom pons. "We have a larger squad than last year and are looking forward to this season."

"I hope to have a lot of fun and meet a lot of people this year," said a new member of the squad, Martha Willy.

## Writers invited to join publications

By Nikki Richardson

Writers are needed for the student publications Phase '89 and Stuff.

Freshman Barry Stradtner, editor of Phase, said the yearbook will have a new look this year. The design and coverage of the book will be organized around the theme, "Full House," reflect-

ing 1988's sizeable growth in student population. Phase's staff plans to use more candid photos and short written features to record the year's activities at Saint Joe.

Stradtner also emphasized this year's staff — numbering eight students thus far — is taking a different approach to getting the 120-page book done. Phase

is not looking for a fulltime writing staff, but for several volunteers to write articles about different events and organizations. Each article would be only three to five paragraphs long and would describe the activities covered in a two-page spread of the yearbook, Stradtner said. "If we had 60 people each

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# New tone set for radio station

By Chris Helton

"At the top of the hour, you are listening to WPUM FM, Rensselaer, IN." From 9 a.m. until midnight seven days a week, these words can be heard coming from the studio of U90.5 FM, Saint Joseph's College radio station. This will be a year of change for the station.

The first change came when Brian Simmons was hired during the past summer to become station manager of WPUM. Simmons replaced Fred Berger, professor of communications. Berger explained the Television and Radio section of the communications department had grown to a point where more than one faculty member was needed to handle classes and additional responsibilities.

The station has added promotions for the first time. Giveaways such as the WPUM Friday Night Party Package and Arby's gift certificates

marked the beginning of the semester.

Simmons and senior Joe Billetz, WPUM's student program director, agree that students who work for the station have set its new tone. "The success of the station this semester is due to the excellent management staff of Saint Joseph's students," Simmons said. Student listeners and members of the faculty have said to Simmons that the station's music selection, particularly in the mornings, has improved this year.

Music director Joe Cook tries to keep the music both current and in touch with the older audience with a "a good mix of old, new, and in-between music." Early rock from the '50s and '60s, modern jazz and the current hits can be heard.

While Cook selects the recordings to be played throughout the week, the choice of songs is up to the disk jockeys.

Also new to the station this year are educational and informative short features, such as "Spotlight on CORE," "Hoosier History," and a NASA program on space exploration.

"I see a new direction for the station, things I never thought I would see have happened this year," Billetz said. Billetz was also speaking of the behind-the-scenes changes going on at WPUM, such as a new tape player. This "cart machine" has expanded the station's selection of public service announcements.

One problem which has plagued WPUM since last year is the problem of signal drift. This fades out of the station's signal limits the transmission range so that the station can no longer be heard off campus.

The problem is due to be fixed by Christmas. The station has hired an engineer to solve this and other technical problems the station has.

# Obsolete satellite dish sold

By Steve Ligda

Saint Joseph's now obsolete cable system was recently sold to the Jasper County Hospital.

The system, consisting of a satellite dish, 50 foot antenna and amplifying equipment was purchased for \$5,000 to be paid to the college in two installments of \$2,500 each semester this year. The system has not been in use since early 1986, when the school hooked up with

the Rensselaer cable company.

The Student Association was responsible for the sale of the system and there has been a great deal of discussion over what could be done with proceeds. One possibility would be the purchase of a new loud speaker system for the auditorium.

SA President Jeff Attar said that he would like to see the money invested in a way that would earn more money which the SA could use to

sponsor more events or improve events, such as hiring more popular bands for concerts.

Advice for investing this money might be obtained from Vice President for Business Affairs James Thatcher or members of the business department, according to Attar. Presently however, this is only in the discussion stage.

More ideas on how to spend the cable system sale money will be presented at the next SA meeting, planned for Monday, Oct. 31.

# Publications

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writing one article, or 30 people writing two each, the yearbook would be done," he said.

Stradtner has had people tell him that, because of disappointment with past volumes of Phase, students are hesitant to become involved. "In the past, Phase has been late getting out and the finished product has been unorganized," he said. He and his staff hope to change that, with some help.

To become involved with Phase, contact Barry Stradtner at Ext. 342.

Stuff, Saint Joseph's student newspaper, wants more writers, to cover a wider spectrum of campus issues, activities and personalities.

According to editor Tim Kelty, Stuff has also suffered a lack of respect from readers in recent years, "because it has been printed inconsistently and contained poor quality writing."

"This year, the staff is more

organized and more qualified," he added. Students wanting to know more about Stuff should attend a staff meeting, held each Thursday at 3 p.m. in Chapel basement, Room 101. They can also contact Kelty at Ext. 343.

Charles Kerlin and Mary Ellen Cross are co-advisors for Stuff, while Cross also advises Phase. Students interested in any aspect of either publications may also contact Kerlin or Cross.

# My life

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with Alison worrying about a check from her father. When the dust settles after 188 pages, all that the reader knows of the main character is that she is studying to be an actress, takes large quantities of drugs and jumps frequently into bed with one man or another. She hardly ever ends up alone in bed at the crack of dawn when she tries to cut through the haze of cocaine long enough to sleep.

Other characters are introduced into this Technicolor blur of drug-induced activities which pass for a plot. Didi is a cocaine-crazed, former model; Rebecca, Alison's sister, is a burned out druggie at age 25. Alison's roommate, Francesca, appears to be the only character who works for a living. If morals were money, none of these characters would be as rich as they are.

The only character who came close to being developed in this story is Didi. In a scene where Alison and Dean have their second date, there is a call from Didi. Didi shows up at Dean's apartment with all of Alison's friends and a pound of cocaine. At intervals of about

15 minutes, Didi would scream that everyone had to do some coke. The evening progresses as everyone becomes more and more wired, until Alison and Didi become "shivering wrecks," the term used by the characters to indicate their point of no return.

Through the course of the book, the bulk of the characters conjure up among themselves enough decency to get Didi into drug rehabilitation. However, after this sudden burst of "character development", Didi turns into another stereotypical figure, the born again religious fanatic who screams at those people in the group who still take drugs. The character of Didi seemed to revolve around screaming.

Why the Atlantic Monthly Press decided to publish this book is unknown. This book just seems to be a waste of time and money by both the publisher and any potential reader, and, at the \$16.95 cover price, it would be best to wait for McInerney's book to be made into a movie. Or better yet, forget about this book and just read Bright Lights, Big City.

# Halloween

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Music and prizes will be provided by U90.5 Radio Station. A remote broadcast from the Ballroom will feature WPUM's DJ Jazzy Joe Billetz and The Fresh Andy Poletto with an assist by Don Pitcher.

There will be plenty of prizes awarded for best costume to be judged by a panel consisting of faculty members. Included will be cash prizes for three places: first place — \$50, second — \$35, third — \$25. Other prizes will include 10 free tanning sessions (a \$30 value) from Fiesta Hair Designs, free shampoos and haircuts from Fiesta, a \$10 gift-certificate from Hudgens Restaurant, a stuffed black cat from Hallmark and various albums from WPUM.

# Halloween Dance

Sat., Oct. 29th 9:05p.m.

**HALLECK BALLROOM**

Prizes for the best costume include:

- \* Cash (up to \$50)
- \* 10 free tanning sessions from Fiesta Hair Designs
- \* a \$10 Gift certificate from Hudgen's House
- \* Much Much More

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